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1. FURTHER PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH AJAMICAN REP INDICATE THAT JAMAICANS AND KENYANS PLAN TO GO AHEAD WITH ECOSOC RES PROVIDED DEPARTMENT REFTEL AS WELL AS GA SECOND COMMITTEE RES TO ESTABLISH IHHSF INSPITE OF NEGATIVE VOTES BY US ON BOTH RESES. THUS MAINTENANCE

OF STATUS QUO FOR ALL PRACTICAL PRUPOSES WILL BE ASSURED. IF THE US STILL SEEKS RATIONALIZATION AS AN OBJECTIVE OUR ONLY HOPE APPEARS TO BE TO GET AGREEMENT TO DELAY FINAL DECISION ON RATIONALIZATION. THIS TACTIC WOULD BE WORKABLE, OF COURSE, ONLY IF THERE IS SOME ASSURANCES THAT WHILE IHHSF WOULD BE ESTABLISHED JANUARY 1, 1975, IT ACTUALLY WOULD NOT BECOME A REAL FUNCTIONING ENTITY UNTIL AFTER FINAL DECISION ON RATIONALIZATION IS REACHED. WE BELIEVE CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT THIS TACTIC MIGHT HAVE SOME MERIT, SPECIFICALLY IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT STRONG DOES NOT PLAN TO PRESS FOR A DIRECTOR OF IHHSF UNTIL A PLAN AND PROGRAM OF OPERATIONS FOR THE FOUNDATION ARE PREPARED AND ACCEPTED BY THE UNEP GC, I.E. APPROXIMATELY LATE APRIL. SHOULD THIS PLAN AND PROGRAM FOR THE FOUNDATION REQUIRE ECOSOC APPROVAL THAN THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR COULD BE DELAYED FURTHER,
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I.E. LATE AUGUST. IT IS WITH THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND THAT

WE HAVE PREPARED THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS MSG WHICH COULD CONSTITUTE OP PARAS OF A RESOLUTION IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT KENYAN/ JAMAICAN DRAFT. BELEIVE THAT SUCH LANGUAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH KENYANS AND AJAMICANS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

2. REASONS FOR STRONG'S DELAY IN APPOINTING DIRECTOR FOR IHHSF: 1. QUESTION AS TO WHETHER DIRECTOR SHOULD HAVE ASISTANT SECRETARY STATUS OR BE A D-2, IS UP IN THE AIR; AND 2. THERE IS LITTLE MERIT IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE UNTIL IT IS CLEAR AS TO WHAT THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW DIRECTOR WILL BE.

3. PROPOSED OP PARAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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1. DECIDES AS A FIRST STEP THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF HOUSING FINANCES AND HOUSING POLICY AND THOSE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING UNDER THESE FUNCTIONS, TOGETHER WITH ANY OVERHEAD RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR THAT PURPOSE BE TRANSFERRED TO THE INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION AFTER THE PLAN AND PROGRAMME OF OPERATION OF THE FOUNDATION IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP AT ITS THIRD SESSION:

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME IN PREPARING THE PLAN AND PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS FOR THE FOUNDATION, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR THE RATIONALIZATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING AND THE INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION, AND THE OBSERVATIONS OF DELEGATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. DECIDES ALSO THAT FURTHER POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS FROM THE CENTER OF HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING TO THE FOUNDATION WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE ECOSOC AT THE 58TH SESSION IN THE LIGHT OF THE PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION AND THE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING.

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